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SUBJECT: JACK ANDERSON ARTICLE ON POSSIBLE U.S. MILITARY
INTERVENTION IN LIBYA

1. AN ARTICLE BY JACK ANDERSON IN THE NOVEMBER 8 WASHINGTON
POST ASSERTS THAT SOME POLICY MAKERS IN WASHINGTON ARE
BEGINNING TO FEEL THAT MILITARY INTERVENTION MAY BE
NECESSARY TO BRING DOWN THE PRICE OF OIL AND SAVE THE
WEST FROM ECONOMIC RUIN. THE ARTICLE CLAIMS SECRET
SPECULATION IS THAT LIBYA WOULD BE THE MOST LIKELY TARGET
OF U.S. INTERVENTION SINCE QADHAFI IS NOT POPULAR WITH
OTHER ARABS OR THE RUSSIANS AND IT WAS HE WHO ORIGINALLY
TRIGGERED THE OIL PRICE RISE IN 1971. CIA SOURCES, THE
ARTICLE STATES, HAVE SUGGESTED THE DESIRABILITY OF
ENGINEERING A COUP TO REPLACE QADHAFI WITH A MORE FRIENDLY
LEADER AND PENTAGON SOURCES HAVE POINTED OUT THAT LIBYA'S
OIL FIELDS COULD BE SEIZED AND SEALED OFF WITH ONLY TWO
MARINE DIVISIONS.

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2. EXCERPTS FROM THE ARTICLE AS WELL AS THE FULL TEXT OF THOSE PARTS WHICH RELATE TO LIBYA ARE BEING TRANSMITTED VIA THE NOVEMBER 8 WIRELESS FILE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE LIBYAN EMBASSY HAS ALREADY CABLED THE TEXT OF THE ARTICLE TO TRIPOLI.

4. FYI. THE WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON THE ARTICLE, STATED THAT SUCH SPECULATION IS TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE AND THAT HE WOULD NOT DIGNIFY SUCH SPECULATION BY COMMENTING UPON IT. MAW

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